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TAGS: SHUM PINT PA  
SUBJECT: LAINO CASE: FIRST JUDICIAL HEARING SCHEDULED

REF ASUNCION 2891

1. DOMINGO LAINO WILL MAKE HIS FIRST DECLARATION IN COURT  
AUGUST 7. JUDGE CANTERO AUGUST 4 SET THE DATE FOR THE HEARING  
IN WHICH LAINO WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE  
AGAINST HIM. ONE OF LAINO'S LAWYERS, WHILE TALKING TO THE PRESS  
AUGUST 4, HINTED THAT THE PROCEEDING MAY BE CHALLENGED. THE  
LAWYER SAID THAT LAINO WOULD APPEAR BUT THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO  
SAY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AS LAINO WAS DETAINED AND IMPRISONED  
WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF THE NATURE OF HIS CRIME.  
THUS, THE LAWYER CLAIMED, THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE IS POLITICAL  
NOT CRIMINAL AND LAINO SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A COMMON  
CRIMINAL.

2. AFTER THIS FIRST HEARING, THE JUDGE HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER  
THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CHARGES AGAINST LAINO.  
IF NOT, HE CAN ORDER LAINO FREED. OTHERWISE, HE WILL ORDER  
IMPRISONMENT UNTIL THE CASE IS FINALLY DECIDED.

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